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## **SUPPLEMENTAL CUSTOMER CHARGES**

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### **PURPOSE**

The Supplemental Customer Charges shall consist of the Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge, Energy Assistance Charge and the UCB/POR Program Charge.

Pursuant to terms of Section 75, Article 6, and Section 85 of 305 ILCS 20/13 the Company shall impose monthly charges on Customers for Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance and Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance.

Pursuant to 16-118 of the Public Utilities Act 220 ILCS 5/16-118, the Company is directed to offer Utility Consolidated Billing (UCB) and Purchase of Receivables (POR) and authorized to recover uncollectible receivables as well as any prudently incurred costs incurred in providing UCB and POR services.

### **APPLICATION OF CHARGES**

The total amount of Supplemental Customer Charges each month shall be added and combined with the stated Customer Charge for the applicable DS tariff and shown as a single charge on the monthly bill. The Supplemental Customer Charges shall be reflected once for each Customer account. For each Customer account for which there is no existing Customer Charge under the terms of the Customer's electric service tariff, a Customer Charge that includes the appropriate Supplemental Customer Charges will be shown on the Customer's monthly bill.

### **RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES AND COAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CHARGE AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE CHARGE**

The Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge and Energy Assistance Charge shall be applicable to the following rate tariffs:

Residential – Rate DS-1

Non-Residential – Rate DS-2, DS-3 and DS-4

Lighting – Rate DS-5 (for stand alone account only)

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The Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge shall be assessed as follows:

- (1) \$0.05 per month on each account for residential electric service.
- (2) \$0.50 per month on each account for non-residential electric service taking less than ten megawatts of electric peak demand during the previous calendar year.
- (3) \$37.50 per month on each account for non-residential electric service taking ten megawatts or greater of electric peak demand during the previous calendar year.

The Energy Assistance Charge for the Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund shall be assessed as follows:

- (1) \$0.40 per month on each account for residential electric service.
- (2) \$4.00 per month on each account for non-residential electric service which had less than ten megawatts of electric peak demand during the previous calendar year.
- (3) \$300.00 per month on each account for non-residential electric service which had ten megawatts or greater of electric peak demand during the previous calendar year.

### **\* UTILITY CONSOLIDATED BILLING / PURCHASE OF RECEIVABLES (“UCB/POR”) PROGRAM CHARGE**

- \* The UCB/POR Program Charge shall be applicable to Customers served under the following tariffs (Eligible Customers):

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Residential – Rate DS-1;

Non-Residential – Rate DS-2, DS-3 (subject to the 400 kW limits of Rider BGS); and

Lighting – Rate DS-5 (for stand alone accounts only).

The UCB/POR Program Charge shall be assessed each Billing Period. The amount of the UCB/POR Program Charge shall be shown on an informational sheet supplemental to this tariff and filed with the ICC, prior to the initial Program Year. Such initial filing and subsequent informational filings shall not be filed later than 30 days prior to the effective date of the change in the UCB/POR Program Charge. An informational filing postmarked after that date but prior to the charge becoming effective will be accepted if it corrects an error or errors for a timely filed report. Any other informational filing postmarked after that date will be accepted only if submitted as a special permission request under the provision of Section 9-201 (a) of the Public Utilities Act 220 ILCS 5/9-201 (a). Any informational filings shall be accompanied by work papers showing the calculation of the UCB/POR Program Charge. Each UCB/POR Program Charge shall become effective as indicated on the informational filing and shall remain in effect until supplemented or canceled.

### **Definitions**

The following definitions are only applicable to this section - Utility Consolidated Billing /Purchase of Receivables (UCB/POR) Program Charge, of this tariff. Other definitions relative to this tariff are contained in the Customer Terms and Conditions.

#### **Actual Uncollected Receivables**

Actual Uncollected Receivables for the UCB/POR Program shall be equal to the write-off amounts for the portion of final bills associated with the RES receivables after all reasonable and customary Customer collection processes have ceased.

#### **Ameren Illinois Utilities (AIU)**

Ameren Illinois Utilities includes AmerenCILCO, AmerenCIPS, and AmerenIP.

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### **Incremental Costs**

Incremental Costs means costs incurred by or for the Company in association with the UCB/POR Program, to be recovered pursuant to this tariff and the Supplier Terms and Conditions, and include, but are not limited to: (a) fees, charges, billings or assessments related to the UCB/POR Program; (b) costs or expenses associated with equipment, devices, or services that are purchased, provided, installed, operated, maintained or monitored for the UCB/POR Program; and (c) all legal and consultant costs. Incremental Costs also includes incremental expenses for wages, salaries and benefits of Company employees, including direct and indirect incremental costs associated with such Company employees who are hired for positions specifically related to the UCB/POR Program and that were created after the effective date of Section 220 ILCS 5/16-118 of the Public Utilities Act. Incremental Costs do not include any expenses for wages, salaries and benefits of Company employees, employed either before or after the effective date of Section 220 ILCS 5/16-118 of the Public Utilities Act, which are otherwise recovered pursuant to other approved tariffs.

### **Ongoing Administrative Costs**

Ongoing Administrative Cost (OAdm) means are Incremental Costs incurred by or for the Company in association with the UCB/POR Program and include, but are not limited to ongoing Incremental Cost to operate and administer the UCB/POR Program, specifically: (a) ongoing electronic data interchange(EDI) costs; (b) costs for obtaining Commission approvals and participation in regulatory proceedings associated with the UCB/POR Program; (c) tracking the recovery and reconciliation processes for UCB/POR Program costs, preparing audit reports with respect to the UCB/POR Program; and (d) staffing required to address questions from RES and others regarding the UCB/POR Program. Such Incremental Costs are not already included in base Delivery Service rates.

### **Power and Energy Service**

Power and Energy Service for the UCB/POR Program refers to the RES charges included in the receivables purchased by the Company and shall only include charges for Power and Energy Service. Such charges for Power and Energy Service shall include only those components the RES is obligated to procure to meet its Customers' instantaneous electric power and energy requirements and may also include charges for Transmission Services and related Ancillary Transmission Services. The accounts receivables purchased for the RES shall not include items such as early termination fees or fees for value added service.

### **Program Year**

The Program Year shall be the 12 month period beginning June 1 and ending May 31 of the subsequent year. The initial Program Year may begin after June 1, 2009.

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### **Purchase of Receivables (POR)**

A RES shall assign to the Company its rights to all amounts due from its Eligible Customers for the provision of electric power and energy service billed by the Company for a specific Billing Period. Such amounts due, or receivables, shall be sold to the Company at a discount.

### **Start-Up Costs**

Start-Up Costs are Incremental Costs incurred by or for the Company in association with the UCB/POR Program to be recovered pursuant to the Determination of UCB/POR Program Charge section of this tariff. Start-Up Costs include, but are not limited to: (a) initial programming changes to electronic data interchange (EDI) to implement the UCB/POR Program; (b) general billing system and related enhancements; and (c) development of information technology to implement the UCB/POR Program. Such Incremental Costs are not already included in base Delivery Service rates. The Start-Up Costs for the UCB/POR Program shall be limited to Incremental Costs incurred after the date amending Section 220 ILCS 5/16-118 of the Public Utilities Act through December 31, 2010.

The Start-Up Costs for the UCB/POR Program will be specifically identified and assigned to a UCB related cost component and a POR related cost component. Final recovery of any over or under recovery may extend beyond five years.

### **Utility Consolidated Billing (UCB)**

A consolidated monthly bill rendered by the Company to Eligible Customers for both the Delivery Services provided by the Company and the electric power and energy service provided by the RES.

### **UCB/POR Discount Rate (UDR)**

The receivables for the Electric Power and Energy Service of RES shall be purchased by the Company at a discount rate calculated and filed pursuant to the ICC approved Supplier Terms and Conditions tariff. The UCB/POR Discount Rate will be based on the AIU's historical uncollectible costs from the AIU's most recent Commission Order for each electric AIU and any reasonable Start-Up Costs and administrative costs associated with the AIUs' UCB/POR Program.

### **UCB/POR Discount Rate Uncollectible Cost Component (UDC)**

The uncollectible component of the discount rate will be established pursuant to the Determination of UCB/POR Discount Rate section of the Supplier Terms and Conditions. The UCB/POR Discount Rate Uncollectible Cost Component will be based on the AIU's most recent Commission Order for each electric AIU historical uncollectible costs.

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### Determination of UCB/POR Program Charge

The first UCB/POR Program Charge shall be determined for the initial rate period of June 2009 through May 2012. Subsequent to the initial rate period, the UCB/POR Program Charge will be determined annually for the UCB/POR Program Year of June through May of the subsequent year. The UCB/POR Program Charge will be equal for all Ameren Illinois Utilities (AIU) and shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent. The Company reserves the right to modify the UCB/POR Program Charge during the initial rate period, with leave of the Commission, in the event that circumstances experienced are materially different than expected. The UCB/POR Program Charge is calculated as follows:

$$\text{UCB/POR Program Charge} = (\text{USC} + \text{UR} + \text{OAR} - \text{BF}) / \text{EC} / 12$$

Where:

USC = the UCB portion of the UCB/POR Program Start-Up Costs assigned to Eligible Customers plus adjustments.

UR = Uncollected Receivables recovery variance, either positive or negative.

OAR = Ongoing Administrative Cost recovery variance, either positive or negative.

**BF = Revenue received from the application of the Balance Factor in the UCB/POR Discount Rate (UDR)**

EC = Number of Eligible Customers for the period that corresponds with the UCB/POR Program Charge calculation.

**UCB portion of UCB/POR Program Start-Up Costs assigned to Eligible Customers (USC)**

USC is calculated as follows:

$$\text{USC} = (\text{USR} \times \text{FCR}) \times 75\% + \text{ARA} + \text{ORA}$$

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Where:

USR = the UCB related portion of UCB/POR Start-Up Costs to be amortized over 5 years.

The initial assignment of the UCB related portion of the UCB/POR Program Start-Up Cost shall be 25% to the RES recovered via the UCB/POR Discount Rate; and 75% to Eligible Customers recovered via Factor USC of the UCB/POR Program Charge. Ultimately, the final percentage amounts actually recovered from RES and Eligible Customers may differ.

FCR = The five year levelized annual Fixed Charge Rate shall equal 24.44~~27.15~~%.

ARA = An Automatic Reconciliation Adjustment, in dollars is equal to the cumulative over/under-collection of the UCB related portion of UCB/POR Start-Up Costs, plus interest, resulting from the following components:

- (i) the variance, either positive or negative, between the USC Factor charges actually recovered from Eligible Customers and the USC Factor cost projected to be recovered from Eligible Customers; and
- (ii) the variance, either positive or negative, between the UCB Start-Up Costs actually recovered through the UCB/POR Discount Rate and the UCB Start-Up Costs projected to be recovered through the UCB/POR Discount Rate.

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The ARA Factor will be deemed to be zero for the initial rate period through May 2012.

ORA = An Ordered Reconciliation Adjustment, in dollars, is equal to an amount ordered by the ICC to be refunded or collected from Eligible Customers, plus interest as determined by the Commission in its order.

The First Reconciliation Period for the USC Factor will cover the period June 2009 through December 2011. Any variance, either positive or negative, for the First Reconciliation Period plus interest, shall be recovered or credited through Factor ARA to take effect for the June 2012 billing period. The Second Reconciliation Period for the USC Factor will cover calendar years 2012 and 2013. Any variance, either positive or negative, for the Second Reconciliation Period, plus interest, shall be recovered or credited through Factor ARA to take effect for the June 2014 billing period. Subsequent to the Second Reconciliation Period, reconciliation shall occur through Factor ARA.

In addition, at the end of the fifth Program Year, any variance, either positive or negative, between projected and actual recovery of POR Start-Up Cost, plus interest, shall be included in Factor ARA. The POR Start-Up Cost is included in the UCB/POR Discount Rate as shown in the Supplier Terms and Conditions tariff.

The USC portion of the UCB/POR Program Charges will be eliminated once USC cost is fully recovered.

**Uncollected Receivables (UR)**

The UR recovery variance can be either positive or negative and is calculated as follows:

$$\mathbf{UR = (AUR - APRR) + ARA + ORA}$$

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Where:

AUR = The Actual Uncollected Receivables for the UCB/POR Program shall be equal to the write-off amounts for the portion of final bills associated with the RES receivables after all reasonable and customary Customer collection processes have ceased.

APRR = The ~~calculated amount for uncollectibles is based on the UCB/POR Discount Rate Uncollectibles Cost Component dollar amount of uncollectibles included in the actual discounts taken in the purchase of receivables during the reconciliation period.~~

ARA = An Automatic Reconciliation Adjustment, in dollars is equal to the cumulative over/under-collection of the UR component, plus interest, resulting from the application of the UR Factor.

ORA = An Ordered Reconciliation Adjustment, in dollars, is equal to an amount ordered by the ICC to be refunded or collected from Eligible Customers, plus interest as determined by the Commission in its order.

The cost for the UR Factor shall be zero for the initial rate period of June 2009 through May 2012. The initial calculation and application of the UR Factor will occur subsequent to the First Reconciliation Period (June 2009-December 2011) for the UCB/POR Uncollectible Discount Component of the UCB/POR Discount Rate, and applied to the UCB/POR Program Charge beginning in June 2012. The Second Reconciliation Period will cover calendar years 2012 and 2013. Any variance, either positive or negative, between the projected and actual cost recovery via the UR Charge, plus interest (ARA factor), shall take effect for the June 2014 billing period.

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This method for reconciling the variance, through Factor UR shall continue annually thereafter and take effect in the subsequent June Billing Period. The interest shall be at the rate established by the ICC in accordance with 83 Illinois Administrative Code Section 280.70(e) (1).

### **Ongoing Administrative Cost (OAR)**

The OAR recovery variance can be either positive or negative and is calculated as follows:

$$\text{OAR} = (\text{OACR} - \text{OACF}) + \text{ARA} + \text{ORA}$$

Where:

OACR = The amount of Ongoing Administrative Cost actually incurred by the Company.

OACF = The amount of Ongoing Administrative Cost actually recovered pursuant to the OAdm component of the UCB/POR Discount Rate.

ARA = An Automatic Reconciliation Adjustment, in dollars is equal to the cumulative over/under-collection of the OAR component, plus interest, pursuant to the application of the OAR Factor.

ORA = An Ordered Reconciliation Adjustment, in dollars, is equal to an amount ordered by the ICC to be refunded or collected from Eligible Customers, plus interest as determined by the Commission in its order.

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The cost for the OAR Factor shall be zero for the initial rate period of June 2009 through May 2012. The initial calculation and application of the OAR Factor will occur subsequent to the First Reconciliation Period (June 2009-December 2011) for the UCB/POR Ongoing Administrative Costs Component of the UCB/POR Discount Rate, and applied to the UCB/POR Program Charge beginning in June 2012. The Second Reconciliation Period will cover calendar years 2012 and 2013. Any variance, either positive or negative, between the OACR and the OACF, plus interest (ARA factor), shall be recovered or credited through Factor OAR to take effect for the June 2014 billing period. This method for reconciling the variance through Factor OAR shall continue annually thereafter and take effect in the subsequent June Billing Period.

**Annual UCB/POR Program Charge Audit Report**

Annually, subsequent to completion of a Program Year, the Company must conduct an internal audit of its costs and recoveries of such costs through the UCB/POR Program Charge. The internal audit shall include, but not be limited to, the following steps to determine: 1) if and to what extent costs recovered through this Program Charge are recovered through other approved tariffs; 2) whether the UCB/POR Program Charge is being properly billed to Customers; 3) whether the UCB/POR Program Charge revenues are recorded in the appropriate accounts; 4) whether the costs classified as Start-Up Costs are the appropriate costs to be recovered through the UCB/POR Program Charge, 5) whether the costs classified as ongoing administrative costs are the appropriate costs to be recovered through the UCB/POR Program Charge, and 6) whether there has been any change in the internal processes to collect the receivables associated with the UCB/POR Program that would overstate the balance to be collected through the UCB/POR Program Charge. The above list of determinations does not limit the scope of the audit.

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The Company will prepare an annual report summarizing: 1) the operation of the reconciliation mechanisms for the previous year and 2) the results of the internal audit. Such report must be submitted to the ICC Staff in an informational filing, with copies of such report provided to the Manager of the Staff's Accounting Department and the Director of the Staff's Office of Retail Market Development by September 30, beginning in 2010. Such report must be verified by an officer of the Company.